

Faith and Victory

Arm thyself with FAITH and LOVE; this brings VICTORY from above.

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"This is the VICTORY that overcometh
the world, even our FAITH." 1 Jno. 5: 4.

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HE IS JUST THE SAME TODAY

When bound by affliction great,
And my heart was bowed with grief,
But the Savior quickly touched me,
And gave me sweet relief.

Now I'll tell it; I will tell it,
What God has done;
I will tell it; help me tell it,
What God has done.

Oh, my Brother and my Sister!
Jesus bore the rod for you;
Cast on Him your every sickness,
He has paid the price for you.

Hallelujah, such a Savior!
Bears our sorrows and our pain;
Oh, how glad I've learned to trust Him,
And seek refuge in His name.

Yes, He healed the blind and crippled,
And the lepers too He cleansed;
Oh! this precious, loving Savior,
He is to me the Friend of friends.
—LOTTIE LAUGHLIN.
(Recently healed of cancer)

NOBLE ENTHUSIASM OF THE PAST

BY BRO. J. D. LLEWELLYN. Part 2.

"They loved not their lives unto the death."

Earnestness is not destructive to the right, but commands the respect of man-kind. Earnestness is the devotion of all the faculties to a noble purpose. It produces patience, gives endurance, overcomes pain, strengthens weakness, braves dangers, sustains hope, makes light of difficulties, and lessens the sense of weariness in overcoming *all wrong*. Earnestness is often regarded with suspicion as it is disturbing to the spirit of sleepiness, therefore hated and condemned by those who love ease and slumber. Our Lord was an enthusiast in the eyes of the Pharisees; Paul was an enthusiast in Festus; the early Christian martyrs were enthusiasts to the pagan world. An enthusiast is often called a fanatic by some, and

regarded as dangerous to society. How those rebellious, professing spirits cried out against Jesus, "He hath a devil and is mad" (John 7: 20; 10: 20). Against St. Paul the cry arose, "Away with such a fellow from the earth, for it is not fit that he should live" (Acts 22: 22). Such enthusiastic characters were regarded as fanatics and imposters. Be careful, be smooth and easy, and you will not be persecuted; but stand for the whole truth, boldly declare the whole counsel of God, and warn the wicked of his wicked ways and one is soon martyred spiritually, and held down in his work for souls. How many in these days have been, spiritually speaking, cast into the lion's den, or hurled into the fiery furnace! A large number, we are sure.

All great leaders have been men deeply in earnest, although most of them have been denounced in their generation and cold water poured upon their projects. But burning enthusiasm carried them on to triumph, praise God! Public opinion is fickle. The scorned enthusiast of one age becomes the hero of the next generation. Let a man become earnest in prayer, earnest in work, earnest in preaching, or rise in any way above the dead level of those content to remain at ease in Zion, and he will often be spoken of in tones of pity, or sneered at as a fanatic or imposter. It was Brainerd's prayer, "Oh, that I were a flaming fire in the service of my God!" One of the greatest victories the devil ever planned was to get saints to sleeping, and he has surely made wonderful progress in such a diabolical plot. Luther's allegory may well be quoted here: "The devil," he says, "held a great anniversary at which his emissaries were convened to report the results of their several missions. 'I let loose the wild beasts of the deserts,' said one, 'on a caravan of Christians, and their bones are now bleaching on the sands!' 'What of that?' said the devil, 'their souls are saved.' 'I drove the east wind,' said another, 'against a ship freighted with Christians, and they were all drowned.' 'What of that,' said the devil, 'their souls are all saved.' 'For ten years I tried to get a single Christian asleep,' said the third, 'and I succeeded and left him

so.' Then the devil shouted, and the night star of hell sang for joy."

Awake! dear saints, Awake! A great flood of compromise has gone forth from the mouth of the serpent. "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem." The way of the world is to praise the dead saints and to persecute the living ones! Satanic forces have always tormented the Christians, even emperors have engaged in the sport. In Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History, Book 5, Chapter 1, about the seventeenth year of the reign of Emperor Antonious Verus, we read that the greatness of the tribulation and the madness exhibited by the heathen against the saints was great indeed. Surely, the days of martyrdom are indescribable. How many thousands were tortured in the Arena, and at the burning stake. We have a record of Sanctus, a noble young saint, who was born at Vienna, and became a deacon of the Church at Lyons. He stood with such firmness that he did not even declare his name, nor that of his nation, nor the city whence he was. Nor whether he was a slave or a free-man. To all questions that were proposed he answered in the Roman tongue, "*I am a Christian.*" No other expression did the heathen hear from him. Then an ambitious struggle in torturing methods arose between the governor and the tormentors against him. They at last fastened red-hot plates of brass to the most tender parts of his body, but he remained unsubdued and unshaken in his confession of Christ. This brother was just one of a great company of faithful ones whose faithfulness to the end gave them a victor's crown of life. Those who were slain for the Word and their testimony are now under the altar. "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given to every one of them, and it was said unto them that they should rest yet a little season until their fellow-servants also and their brethren that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled" (Rev. 6: 9-11). Satan may not now make a wholesale slaughtered with natural instruments of torture, yet in these last days he surely has opened up his pit of torment, with smokey delusions, and sent forth all his satanic hosts of tormentors against the saints of the Most High! Sanction and comply with satanic methods of deception, and there will be no persecution from those sources now, no not until carried into the lake of fire. One time at a Camp Meeting, I heard at a ministerial meeting a statement from a supposed well established minister who said: "We

don't get the persecution with rotten eggs, as now we are getting wiser, to be smoother and easier." What is the present condition of the compromise element now? It is just as Sister Jennie Cook saw years ago in her vision which was published and commented upon widely. She saw the world and the Church walking arm in arm! Let every true saint hold fast to that which he has, and the reward shall be exceeding great! Be comforted. The Lord soon will come with mighty flaming fire to utterly consume all Deception and reveal who are His own! The only way to great glory is through great tribulation. So let us freely sing:

"God's way is best, I will not murmur,
Although the end I may not see,
Where'er He leads me I will follow,
God's way is best, is best, for me."

TRUE AND FALSE RELIGIONS

Religion: There is no word in the English language nor in no other language which brings so many and varied emotions to the human mind as the word religion. When we hear the word expressed our minds turn at once to that which deals with the divine of the human soul, whether it be the true or the false. In the Bible we have both kinds set forth. James speaks of a vain religion and also of a pure religion (James 1: 26-27). Man is by nature religious, and it seems to me what I can learn that every human being is a worshipper of something.

Paul said that he profited in the Jewish religion, but at the same time persecuted the Church of God (Gal. 1: 13-14), and I fear this is the condition of thousands of this well enlightened country of ours. People think it awful to hear of the conditions in heathen countries but never stop to think if they are guilty of the same thing though as zealous as Paul, yet they are rendering punishment to the Church of God. Thus without apology, prejudice or ill-feeling, we want to speak the truth as we see it. Every religious movement has had some truth, and has today, which they put forth as bait to catch the poor hungry soul who seeks for the truth, and these truths have had their effect upon them to some extent in that it has prompted them to worship an invisible God and to cause many to live moral lives etc. But the false and evil and tradition continued to work their way into their hearts and lives and have overpowered them until it seems that people are now wondering if there is anything to it after all. And today they will persecute you if you seek to worship God according to the Bible.

The book of Jude is a right description of these religious movements of today. It will do you good to read it over. Thousands of people cannot bear the idea of having their religious faith disturbed for fear of committing sin in entertaining ideas contrary to what is laid down by their church, holding it as a standard instead of the Word of God; or they do not care to come to the light because their deeds are evil. All over our country we have creeds of various kinds and not enough truth preached by the Holy Ghost to arouse a man to think of his condition, or soul. It looks and makes one think in these last days as did Jesus when they came to take Him to be crucified: "But this is *your* hour and the power of darkness" (Luke 22: 53). But the love of God is now as when His enemies came to take Him. One of His disciples cut off one of their ears and He reached forth His hand and touched it and healed it. So in this day of mockery: but the love of God is long-suffering not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

There is a verse of Scripture that many, if not all, of the religious sects are trying to hide behind and that is in 1 John 4: 2, and it reads thus, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God." This would seem at a glance to make all sects to be of God, for all make this confession, with the exception of a few: Christian Science and a few more. But let us see if you think they are of God or not. Don't forget this verse of Scripture in Titus 1: 16: "They profess that they know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable and disobedient and unto every good work reprobate." In Matt. 8: 28-29 we have the open confession of two men saying, "Jesus, Thou Son of God," but did it make them of God? Answer for yourself. There are thousands who do not dwell in the tombs but fill the churches and pulpits making the same confession. It is written that within the heart men believe unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. The mouth plays a small part in our redemption. It is safe to say that whosoever fails to obey all the truth as God gives light unto them are no more of God than these recorded in Matt. 8: 28-29.

The conditions of salvation are given in Matt. 13: 44. It is like treasures hid in a field. When it is found we must sell all and buy that field. Now a complete selling out and a purchase must be made to obtain this treasure. If one would confess: I know of great treasures in a certain field and hadn't purchased it, what good would the confession be? And this is true of many of today: professing but not

possessing. Today it is not what God commands (Matt. 15: 4), but *what ye say*, (Matt. 15: 5-6). Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your traditions. We will call it worship, but it is in vain. If all that claimed religions could be as Paul preached and as the whole Bible teaches, there would be but one faith and one church. Listen to this: "Whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." But the preaching of today is just to the opposite, for all teach that no man can be perfect except a few holiness movements, and their teaching betrays them, for they are preaching one thing and practicing another. Lord help us to measure to what we preach lest we fail of the grace of God. Paul says salvation is conditional: "If we continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel. God help me and everyone who has faith. Amen.

—R. M. WHITEHOUSE.

MEETING TIMES HAVE CHANGED

(*A conversation with a man in one of the oil-fields in Texas, who said that he was getting his sermons by radio, was the cause for the composing of this poem.*)

Years ago folks went to meeting
O'er the hills and through the snow,
And at times they were real busy
But to meeting they would go.

Roads were bad and sometimes muddy,
Clouds were often hanging low;
But no trifling thing could hinder,
For to meeting they would go.

Times passed on and roads got better,
Automobiles came, you know;
Sedans, coupes, and closed-in buggies,
So to meeting more could go.

But instead, they take their autos
Out for trips and to the show,
To the lakes and other joy-rides,
When to meeting they should go.

But the Lord has been long-suffering,
Sends sermons too by radio,
So folks may see their awful error,
And to meeting again will go.

Now if things will thus continue,
More keep running to and fro,
What will happen to this nation
When to meeting folks won't go?

But I'm sure there is a reason,
Hearts are waxing worse you know;
Let us pray down "times of refreshing,"
Then to meeting more will go.

By E. W. S.

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Since sending out the last issue of Faith and Victory the Lord has been blessing and giving us some very precious meetings at the jail and other places. At the jail there are often as high as sixty prisoners and the Lord gives liberty in preaching the Word, and the blood as an atonement is clearly set before these men and the Holy Ghost conveys light and knowledge to their souls, bringing conviction. Quite a number of them are anxious for our return. Agree in prayer with us for these men as they are precious souls that Christ died to save and are in great need of a Savior.

We sometimes meet up with brethren that are over-zealous, and through their zeal become lawfied in their preaching, and some, because of a lack of discernment, class them as having a foreign spirit, or one without the love of God in their soul. Now this conclusion is oftentimes unjust and unfair, for over-zealousness may denote great love but show a lack of knowledge and wisdom. And we have noticed that it is not so hard to cool one off, but it seems a hard matter for a lukewarm soul to be awakened and thus many poor souls have to sit and listen to long dry sermons.

If we are truly God-burdened for souls we will have no time for wrangling, jangling and striving for preeminence, nor for positions that give opportunity to lord it over God's heritage, but the saving of a soul will be our greatest concern and meetings will cease to be locked and blocked by some that fear they will not be recognized as so and so, or such and such. Flee these things, O vain man, and let souls be saved at any cost for the world in sin is lost.

We rejoice that we are not under the influence and power of any clique or clan that would bridle us from giving out truth that God burns in our souls, for truly those whom Christ sets free are free indeed. And the gospel is not bound, for it gives liberty to all who embrace it, and though others may compromise and reason themselves astray, our eyes are on the Lord and we know in whom we have believed and the footing He has given us is strong and solid, and we know Christ will take us through as we yield to His will.

Though the devil may hurl his poison darts and use underhanded methods to hinder the Gospel work among men, we wish to reply to him and his agents that it matters very little how much you despise, persecute and hate this fleshly body, for it is only poor, miserable, corruptible material soon to decay. But we desire much that you love Jesus who loves us, and it grieves us to know of souls that are shut off from truth that they so much need.

Those who look about to find some one that is worthy to be helped will perhaps never help anybody much, as it is the devil's business to blind people to the worthiness of others.

When Jesus was here on earth He was despised and rejected of men, persecuted and slain as though He was the worst of sinners, and this by men who claimed to know God. Brethren, we are not holy because men see us holy, but we are holy only as God sees His holiness in us.

When we, as the children of God, have on the whole armor of God and the devil shoots his fiery darts and hits the shield of faith, failing to inflict injury, it greatly increases our confidence in God and the shield He has given, for of a truth the fiery darts of the enemy slide off of the well armored child of God similar to water on a duck's back.

Paul said that "The wages of sin is death." It is amazing to behold the many that seemingly love to earn the wages of death, and to think that the *Gift* of God is given freely to all. Oh, why is man so foolish and vain as to turn away from the only way of his escape?

A sister living in a North-west state sent us two little tracts written by a possessor of an anti-christ spirit. The wording and language was clever, and to the natural mind would be very reasonable and truthful, but to those in Christ it only shows the foolishness of the wisdom of this world and lays bare the manner in which Satan is cleverly deceiving and holding in bondage his victims.

One thought brought out in the tract is this: "When a man has created a vice by evil desire, evil thought and evil act, he, its creator, can also be its destroyer, by good desire, good thought, good act." Now we do not doubt but what man can do a lot in the way of cultivating the carnal man, but man without Christ is absolutely helpless in saving his soul from torment, for the blood of Christ is the only cover that makes peace with God whom we have sinned against. In another portion of this tract the writer does away with the atonement in this wording: "It bids him surrendered all the fallacious ideas of "forgiveness," "various atonement," "divine mercy," and the rest of the opiates which superstition offers to the sinner." By this the child of God readily sees the fully anti-christ spirit, for we know that the loosing of the bands of Satan and the deliverance from sin

and vice did not come about by any power we possessed, but by the mighty power of God, and this, through faith in the blood of Christ which was given as an atonement for sin, for Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3: 8). "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4: 18).

When one is redeemed by the blood of Christ it does away with all such philosophy as set forth in the above mentioned tracts, as far as Bible salvation is concerned. Yet it is true, the blood-washed soul will resist evil thought, evil desire and evil acts, but they look wholly to God to keep them continually delivered from them, thus the power of the blood and the gift of God is continually praised and honored, in spite of all blasphemers and imitators. When we consider the great many lecturers and writers of this kind, and kindred ones, that have access to or a hearing in the majority of the colleges in our land, it opens to our minds the gravity of the situation and proves to us the rapid rate in which this world is plunging on in darkness and blindness of heart, blinded by the god of this world and the prince of the power of the air. Oh, dear brethren, sisters, pilgrims and strangers, let us make good use of God-given talent, time and means, using all we possess, straining every nerve, exhausting all energy in rescuing precious eternity bound souls.

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Continue to pray for us and the work here at the office, dear readers, as we have much to do, and also we have a number of calls to go and hold revival meetings and will not be able to go unless God especially helps and provides. Remember us as a weak mortal with very limited resources and see God as having all power together with unlimited resources, and get hold of Him to fully supply and give wisdom that the truth may continue to go forth by the printed page, bringing light and knowledge to poor darkened souls.

CAMP MEETING NOTICE

The Oklahoma State Camp Meeting will be held at Boley, Okla., beginning Aug. 7 and lasting ten days. Come prepared to care for yourselves as much as possible, but let none stay away because of being too poor to care for yourselves, for the poor have the gospel preached to them. Let everyone who can bring bedding, such as straw-ticks, sheets, pillows and covering. Straw will be furnished free. Let the different congregations send in donations to help bear the expense of the meeting, this being the State Camp Meeting. Send all donations and write to: Sister Ella Jackson, or Sister Lizzie Jones, Boley, Okla.

CAMP MEETING NOTICE

The Southwestern Camp Meeting will be held at Blackford, Ky., beginning August 14, lasting 10 days. Everybody is invited to come and hear the gospel of the kingdom preached as a witness against all unbelievers. Come with all faith to be healed of whatsoever your disease may be. Have your faith in God and you will receive a blessing. God will care for all that will come. All your needs will be supplied. No charges will be made. Come, see for yourself what God can do and will do. Any one wanting to ask any questions write to G. W. Ford, Blackford, Ky., or to J. S. Stanley, 1500 Obyron St., Henderson, Ky.

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We have been informed that the Carthage, Mo. Camp Meeting will be held from the 17th to 27th of August.

THOUGHTS FOR DAILY MEDITATION

BY SISTER ROSELLA SLIFER

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4: 4).

Dear souls, are you concerned as to how to live? The above portion of God's Word is a message to every soul telling them how to live. At one time I greatly desired rest and peace. I looked at other souls who seemed to be very restful and peaceful. They did not seem to be much concerned about obeying the Lord in all things, and I began to wonder whether I really had to live by every Word of God, as a dear sainted sister was admonishing me to do, when the Lord plainly spoke to me the words of Matt. 4: 4. I am praising Him today that I determined to live thus by His grace. Rest and peace are my portion, praise the Lord.

"My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18: 36).

There is much teaching afloat today concerning the earthly kingdom of Jesus. I always believed Jesus would some day appear in a cloud and time would be no more, as we read in Matt. 16: 27. At one time, knowing I would be asked my opinion of the earthly kingdom of Christ, I earnestly sought the Lord for an answer. He gave me His own dear words as found in John 18: 36. A voice from the ceiling seemed to say, "Jesus said *once for all*, 'My kingdom is not of this world.'"

"I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not" (Luke 22: 32).

Jesus at one time cheered my drooping heart with the above words. Dear trusting souls, do they not hold a word of comfort for you? Jesus spoke these words to Simon Peter. They were a special message to me one day when I was suffering physical pain, and feared my faith would fail that Jesus was my healer. In times of weakness let us look to Jesus He will encourage us on the way, praise His name.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matt. 7: 7-8).

Dear seeking souls, take courage. The above words are the words of Jesus and they are truth. They encouraged me to go on one day when I was about to give up. How glad I am these words are in the Bible. I often wonder whether I would be saved today if it were not for these words. The blessed Holy Spirit pointed me to them; I realized they were the truth and pressed on. Should any discouraged soul read these few lines I trust they will embrace the truth and do likewise.

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister" (Heb. 6: 10).

Dear brother or sister in the Lord, are you doing your best for Jesus, and are you misunderstood? Perhaps you are seeking the good of others but are accused of being selfish. Perhaps you are walking in the ways of the Lord but are blamed for taking your own way. Be comforted: We have a God who sees and understands the heart. His Word tells us He is not unrighteous to forget our work and labor of love, so let us continue therein, although we may be misunderstood by all.

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Bro. in Christ:-

We send greetings of love to you in the precious name of Jesus, who has washed us from our sins in His own Blood, making us kings and priests unto God. We received your letter some time ago. We were truly glad to hear from you and to know of how the Lord is blessing you, keeping you healed and enabling you to work and earn money to pay your debts and keep your family. May God ever be praised and honored for this, not only with the mouth, but in deed and in truth. Keep your heart well filled with His love, speaking gentle words and doing kind deeds to all whom you meet with, whether they be friend or foe. Let the love of God flow freely through you to all of His groaning creation.

Jesus has said, 'Because iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold.' Do not let the wickedness, coldness and iniquity of others cause the love of God to wax cold in your soul, but manifest it even though it be to a hog or a dog in nature, that ye may continue to keep the savour of Christ in your soul. Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thence forth good for nothing, but to be cast out, to be trodden under foot of men." Remember that the love of God is to us as the saltness is to the salt. No one would want the salt if it had lost its seasoning quality, therefore we would be of no value to God if our love would wax cold, neither any benefit to men,

and unless we continue to do deeds of love in His name, our praising would soon become as a tinkling symbol or sounding brass. Read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and the Lord give thee understanding.

Often times when God heals a person and they are well and strong again, they forget God and other needy souls and live in a selfish way, and by so doing they cause God to cease to take pleasure in them. Remember that we are created for His pleasure and His glory, that we are no longer our own, but have been bought with a price, even by the precious blood of Jesus, and therefore we are no longer our own, but belong wholly to God and He wants us to act like it in spite of what others think about it. James says in the first chapter and the twenty-second verse, "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." The book of James is a good book to study and practice in our every-day life that we may not fall or faint by the way. May God bless you and keep you, for we are so glad that He has showed mercy unto you, and we know that He will always be faithful to all creatures that He has created, bless His holy name.

The Lord is blessing and feeding our soul, is giving us some good meetings. We visited the Jail the other Sunday and preached to the men behind the bars. Some of them gave good attention and God let conviction down upon a number of them. They are in great need of the Lord. We are getting ready another paper and ask you to pray that God give us wisdom and ability to get it in the mails filled up with just such reading matter that will encourage souls to hover up close to the Lord. We shall close, praying God to bless both you and your family, and to fill you with heavenly love and wisdom. Yours in the Lord's service.

—FRED PRUITT.

CORRESPONDENCE

Blooming Rose, Mo.—Dear saints of God: Today finds me still living for the Lord and desiring to go on for Him unto the end. The devil has tried hard to get me to turn back. I have been saved four years the 13th of last December and I have trusted God for my soul and body since that time. I also teach my little boy to pray and he has lots of faith in God. My half sister, who was saved a short time after I was, and I have been having some hard trials and tests. The enemy tried hard to overthrow our faith in God. I am so glad we are both together so we can be a help to one another. I am so glad she got saved for we are both trusting God and this encourages each of us. I am going to tell you, by God's help, how we were tried. We were afflicted with the itch, and so were our little boys. My boy is 8 and hers 12 years old. It has been a year ago since they were afflicted. They were so bad all over their bodies. But we meant to trust God, as I knew the Bible says it is better to trust the Lord than to put confidence in man (Psalm 118: 8). The little boys got so bad they could hardly sit down or walk, but

when they were suffering they would want us to pray and then the Lord would ease them of the pain. I know God never lets us have more than we can bear (1 Cor. 10: 13) so if the trials seem hard just remember this great promise: that He will not suffer us to be tempted above what we are able to bear.

Well, we prayed and fasted and wrote for prayer and asked everyone that we knew believed in prayer to agree with us. It seemed we did what the Bible told us to do, yet we continued to be tried. You know that the Bible tells us the trial of faith is more precious than gold (1 Peter 1: 7). So we continued to trust God, as we know that it is God's will for His children to trust Him, as He says, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord" (Jer. 17: 7). Job was tried for months (Job 7: 3). We also read in Jer. 17: 5, "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm." We knew that according to God's Word that He would deliver the righteous out of all his afflictions, and had promised to hear the prayers of His children (Read Psalms 4: 3; 18: 3; 34: 17-19; 91: 15; Job 34: 28; Matt. 21: 21-22; Mark 11: 22-24). We see all these are precious promises to God's people, but they are only a few, there are many, many more in the Word of God. Well, we kept trusting God through persecutions and many temptations. Both of the little boys got much better and able to be about again, but not completely well. But the trial was not through. They began to break out again and big sores on their hands and feet. But they always wanted us to pray. Oh, it is wonderful how even a little child can learn to have faith in God. My little boy's hands got so bad and helpless we had to feed him for about three weeks. During all this time of severe tests and sufferings we did not feel that it was God's will for us to doctor or use medicine in any way, as it would cause them to lose faith in God if they were healed by medicine. We had much persecutions to bear and many temptations, but we know God's way is best, even though it may not seem to people that we are doing right if we do not doctor a little child that is suffering. But dear saints God will not let any thing come upon His children that is not for their good. We were threatened with the law and got a letter from the doctor. I do not just remember the words he said, but he said something about us having to submit to medical treatment or he would have to turn it over into the hands of the authorities. But we just took it all to God and He never allowed our little boys to be taken away. But if He had permitted this we had our minds and hearts set to trust God, and we knew that He would not let anything come on us that was not for our good. We knew if we gave up trusting God that it would cause God's cause to bear shame, as some people could then have said, "Oh, yes, God would not heal them, they had to go to medicine." Dear ones, even though we are tried and tempted and not understood by people, remember that more souls have confidence in us being true children of God if we live by His Word, than if we give down in trials, for we can show them by

God's Word that He must have a tried people. But, praise God, it never gets too hard. I can praise God today for peace in my soul, glad I trusted Him through all my trials. My little boy, and sister's too, can now run and play and work and sleep good, and they have faith in God. I give God the praise for it. May everyone of God's children be encouraged to trust Him is my prayer, and let us be at work for lost souls. A sister in Christ.

—BECKY BROWN.

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Burnside, Pa.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: If the Spirit of God dictates how easy it is to write, so in all we do the promise is: the Holy Ghost shall lead and guide you. The fleshly mind may, and is, doing many, many things, but what does it all amount to? Oh, it pays a thousand times to keep filled with the Holy Ghost, to be *led* and *taught*, *guided* and *comforted* by Him. To *wait* (how few learn to wait) upon Him. How few are comforted with Jesus' words because they seek the comfort of the old man, the natural man. People can get this kind of comfort for their hospitality and their money. But, oh, the heavenly comfort of the Comforter, wherever He leads us, whatever He teaches us, how it satisfies, and we get this kind of comfort when we abide in Jesus and His words abide in us. And "when ye shall have *done all* those things which are *commanded you*" (Luke 17: 10). How powerful are Jesus' words when quickened in us by the Holy Ghost. Then comes the commandments, "Grieve not the Spirit," "Quench not the Spirit," "Preach the word." "They spake the Word with boldness," "They were slain and beheaded for the Word of God." I once said to a little Sunday School boy, "If you had to join the catholic church or be killed, which would you do?" He said, "I would join the catholic church." So would most professors of today.

Dear ones, will you please pray for us? Oh, how we feel our need of help from our brethren, and help from God each moment. These are surely perilous times. Dear ones keep filled with the Holy Ghost. Soon the trumpet will sound. "Be ready," Jesus says. Your Bro. and Sister in Jesus.

—BRO. AND SISTER J. EDW. WETZEL.

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Springfield, Ill.—Dear Brothers and Sisters: I have received the tracts and all distributed. I am surely thankful for them and I know God will work through them with our prayers. Please send me another lot of tracts and about 4 of Faith and Victory each month that I may mail them out. I have never read a paper so wonderful as the copy sent me, and I was helped and inspired by reading it. Praise the Lord. Oh, I feel I can't read enough literature like that, nor hear enough sermons of God's truth. Glory to God, I am on the right road at last. Bless His name. May God bless you and keep up the good work you are doing. God surely takes care of us. Oh, how wonderful to have such a Father. Your sister in Him.

—EVA SHERMAN.

Giddings, Texas.—Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord: I have been reading a few tracts I got from a brother, and also the Faith and Victory paper. Oh, how they strengthened me. Blessed be the name of the Lord. This finds me on the King's Highway, I know I have been converted and I am seeking holiness, and I am asking Jesus daily to fix me so as He would have me be. I have only been converted two years and one and one half months. I am in prison, and was born of God behind the bars. Glory be to God! I have received much food and encouragement to my soul through the tracts and little paper. Since the Lord saved me, He has been so good to me, keeping me well in my body, and I am praising God this evening while down here in a little lonesome county jail almost alone, though not alone, for Jesus is ever with me. And it is heaven to me wherever I be if Jesus is there.

I am so glad that Jesus has given unto me His love divine and I just want to be a living example of His saving and keeping grace. St. John 15: 4 tells us, "Abide in me and I in you, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." Therefore we can see there is but one way, and this is through the Lord Jesus, and we must follow His footsteps. The third verse of the same chapter says, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." Praise His dear name! I am so glad I am clean. I was the chief of sinners, but as Paul said (1 Cor. 15: 10) "By the grace of God I am what I am."

I desire the dear saints to pray for me that if it is our Father's will He may restore me to my freedom, and that I have more Christ-life in my heart, and that I be more useful for the Master. I have a wife and three little children, and ask you to pray for them, and that I will soon be returned to them. Dear brothers, please continue to send me the little paper and some tracts. From a prisoner in flesh but a freeman in soul and a brother in dying love.

—J. MATTHEW THOMAS.

c/o J. T. Carlisle.

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West Liberty, Ohio.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: I have been reading the Faith and Victory paper for several months now and I cannot begin to tell how much it has helped me. The June number especially has been a blessing to me as it helped me to see light on several subjects that have been troubling me. I need to be sanctified. Of course everyone does that is not already, but that is what I haven't been able to understand. Faith and Victory is a wonderful paper, just as everything else is that is in God's hands. Let us all do what we can to help this paper along as God leads and provides. Please pray for me and my husband that we may do the whole will of God and raise the three little ones He has given us to love and fear and work for Him. Your sister.

—LULA I. MCINTIRE.

Idorado Springs, Mo.—I send greetings to the dear saints. I am glad to get the little paper. It does my soul good to read it. It surely pays to take the Way and go on and let the blood of Jesus be applied to one's soul. Then is when He cleanses us from all inbred sin and sanctifies us and makes every whit whole. How can we afford to draw back when the good Lord says go on and get a Caanan experience? I thank God for that experience and for all the battles He has fought for me. When we have hard work to get anything, then we think more of it, so it is with salvation: we must pay the price and come Jesus' way, for it cost Him His own precious blood to redeem us. So just as long as the good Lord lets me live I am going to hold up two works of grace and a Jesus that saves men from their sins and keeps us from sin as long as we obey. So pray a few words for me when you pray. I mean by His grace to serve the Lord at any cost. Your brother in Christ.

—S. W. MIDDLETON.

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Greenville, Ohio.—To the workers at Faith and Victory Publishing House and all saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Just received Faith and Victory paper and read a few articles, and they were so inspiring that I decided at once to write you for your encouragement and for the glory of God. Only they that have a real hungering and thirst for righteousness can enjoy the soul inspiring food. I have been meditating why there are so many that are retarded in their spiritual growth, and have concluded that they have not been partaking of the right kind of food. We often see children that are not strong and healthy. It is because they do not receive the right kind of food and proper exercise. It is not the child's fault. The trouble lies in those that feed them. So it is from a spiritual stand point. If we feed error instead of truth we will retard their spiritual growth. When a child is born into our family, we expect to see it fully matured at the age of maturity. So it is when one is born into the kingdom of God. We expect with proper food to *come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ* (Eph. 4: 13). So let us take heed what we feed: be sure we feed with truth and not with error. An exhortation with love to all from a pure heart fervently.

—GEO. F. HARTZELL.

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Hennessey, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Will you accept my small offering in the name of the Lord to help keep Faith and Victory at the front. I do wish we had more such God-fearing, sin-opposing papers, and that Christian people would not be so narrow minded and hide bound and would read such papers more. So many people are led by sallaried hirelings and don't dare to believe the truth lest they will offend someone. As for me, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Your brother in Christ.

—J. J. ASHBOUGH.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

"HE SHALL GATHER THE LAMBS WITH HIS ARM, AND CARRY THEM IN HIS BOSOM" (Isaiah 40 :11).

"SOLACE"

How sweet to think that Jesus knows,
Our every cumbering care,
And tho' the storm clouds round us roll,
He will our sorrows share.

He loves us with a Father's love,
Tho' often times we stray,
He will guide us through this weary world,
In the strait and narrow way.

At the close of our earthly pilgrimage,
When our cross is at last laid down,
We will hear His sweet words, "Enter in,"
And receive our starry crown.

Then we shall see Him "face to face,"
With no dark veil between,
And we'll sing the song of saving grace,
When His blessed face we have seen.
—Alice E. Dyer.

THE DYING CHILD'S PRAYER FOR HER DRUNKEN FATHER

A child from a poor family had an intemperate father, who often used to abuse his wife and children. This child had been to the Sunday-school—had become pious. The physician told her father that his little girl would die. No! he did not believe it. Yes, she will—she must die in a few hours. The father went quickly to the bedside; would not part with her, he said.

"Yes, father, you must part with me, I am going to Jesus. Promise me two things. One is, that you won't abuse mother any more, and will drink no more whiskey."

He promised in a solemn, steady manner. The little girl's face lighted up with joy.

"The other thing is, promise me that you will pray," said the child.

"I cannot pray; don't know how," said the poor man. "Father, kneel down, please. There, take the words after me, I will pray; I learned how to pray in Sunday-school, and God has taught me how to pray too, my heart prays, and you must let your heart pray. Now say the words.

And she began in her simple language to pray to the Savior of sinners. After a little he began to repeat after her; as he went on his heart was interested, and he broke out into an earnest prayer for himself; bewailed his sins, confessed and promised to forsake them; entered into covenant with God; light broke out in his darkness; how long he prayed he did not know; he seemed to have for-

gotten his child in his prayer. When he came to himself he raised his head from the bed on which he had rested it; there lay the little speaker, a lovely smile was upon the face, her little hand was in that of the father, but she had gone to be among the angels.
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Wellsville, Ohio.—Dear ones at Faith Publishing House: I am a little girl nine years of age. I have one sister eleven years old and a little brother four. Mamma and papa have always taught us to pray and love Jesus. I want to work for Jesus and I would like for you to send me a few tracts to give out and maybe somebody will get saved by reading them. We love all the saints and oh, I do love Aunt Loey McKay for her nice letters to us children. There are no saints near us but we have Sunday School at home. Pray for me that I may be a worker for Jesus.
—Kathryn E. Andrews.

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Winslow, Ark.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus: I have been reading this little Faith and Victory paper for almost a year now and oh, I just love it. I want you to send me 50 different kinds of tracts because they help me so much. Oh, how I do love the dear Savior this morning. It is real to have Jesus in our life and to know that He keeps us each and every day by His power. Bless His name. I was once a sinner in the sight of God and did not realize what it was to have Him in my life. But I never did say anything against this way. I was afraid to say anything. I always said if I ever was saved I wanted the kind of salvation that I could feel deep down within my soul, and, praise the dear Lord, that is the kind He gave me. On June 13th a year ago I humbled myself on my knees before the Lord and gave my heart to Him. I know that I was lost in sin and that I would go to the everlasting punishment if I didn't seek God and be saved from sin. I called upon God to have mercy upon my lost soul and to forgive me of my sins that I might have peace and joy abiding in my soul. Jesus wonderfully saved my soul that night and I am still saved today and have victory over the devil. On my birthday, June 19th, Jesus sent the promise of the Father, the Holy Ghost to abide in my heart. I am 15 years old now but only a child in Christ. How I praise the dear Lord for what He has done for me. I just long for more of Jesus in my life because it is real to have Him abiding in your soul. I wouldn't turn back for anything in this world, for there is nothing to turn back to. The past year has been the happiest of all my life. I am not getting discouraged, but am encouraged to go on with Jesus. I just long for a closer walk with Him. Pray for me. Your sister in Christ Jesus.
—Dorothy Parrish.

Anthony, Kan.—Greetings in Jesus' name: I am still able to say Praise the Lord, and I believe He will continue to take care of me, regardless of all things which gather around, and I have prayed today for grace and patience and guidance and understanding that I may know the will of God and then have the necessary grace and courage to go ahead and do it. I have been uplifted and with peace in my soul through diligently reading the Word of God I took the 7th chapter of Matthew and read and analyzed each verse, and dwelt on the 13th verse a long while. I could get quite a sermon to myself out of that verse, showing the gradual, easy descent of the broad way which is made attractive by all the arts and wiles of the enemy, and the awful pit at the end thereof is always kept from view. Thus one is lured on and on to final death and destruction. I too am glad and thankful that God reached out His hand and rescued me from going any further on the downward path. I am happy and praise God I entered in at the strait gate. The way is narrow, but there is plenty of room if we walk with our eyes upward on Jesus. He will keep us from falling into snares or traps of our enemies. Please remember me in prayer. Your sister in Jesus. —MAE PYLE.

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Charleston, W. Va.—Dear saints at Faith Pub. House: With great joy in the precious name of Christ Jesus I am writing you to tell you and the dear saints which are scattered abroad how wonderfully our dear Lord healed me. I received your dear letter, also the anointed handkerchief, and applied it with faith and humble prayer, and praise the holy name of Jesus I was instantly healed of the miserable cough which seemed to be the very cause that had come and taken hold on my lungs for no other purpose only to take me away, but today I can praise the dear Lord and speak with clear lungs and a loud voice declaring that He is Lord of lords and King of kings. He is first of all in my life. I'll forever follow where He leadeth; I'll pasture where He feedeth. I received the dear paper, Faith and Victory, with the tracts. I found them all to be so strengthening to me and also to others. If the Lord wills you can please send me some tracts and also the Faith and Victory regularly, as the paper brings such joy to my soul: those loving testimonies of the dear saints, when I read them it seems to bring us together almost face to face, talking together about the wonderful works of God. Dear saints please agree in prayer with me for my three year old baby's leg, which is very sore and bad caused from a burn which he received some time ago. Your sister and helper in the spreading of the true gospel, with praises to Him for evermore.

—MARGARET SMITH.

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New Bloomfield, Pa.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' lovely name, who died for us that we might have life, and have it more abundantly, and who prayed for us that we might be one even as He

and the Father are one. Now this surely is wonderful: that we poor, unworthy, weak creatures, yes worms of the dust, that we can have such a close relationship together while here on earth. And though we are far apart, yes hundreds of miles, but thank God distance cannot separate us: though it may separate our persons one from the other, yet it cannot separate our spirits, praise His Holy name. This truly is a wonderful privilege that the children of God have, and how we ought to appreciate it more than we do sometimes. Yet we find many today who do not enjoy it, and also hate to see others enjoying this blessed privilege of fellowship and unity.

Bro. and Sister Llewellyn are holding meeting at Carlisle, Pa. now. Last Sunday we held meeting in the Carlisle jail. It was very interesting, it being the first time I was ever in a jail. The prisoners were very attentive and said they were glad we came. One was to get his sentence for death the next day. Well I will have to close for this time, praying God's blessing upon you in your work. Please pray for me and mine; we need your prayers. Your brother in holy love. —CHAS. L. HOUCK.

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Anthony, Kan.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This morning finds me still saved and living for the Lord. May the dear Lord of heaven bless and keep you true to Him at any cost. I know there are few that will endure sound doctrine now days, but let us be among the few, for they that endure to the end shall be saved, praise God forever and forever. Oh, when we think of how people that have known the truth have drifted away, and according to the Word have gone into darkness how it saddens our hearts, and it just stirs my very inmost soul to help hold up the truth. Jesus said, "Thy Word is truth." How I do thank the dear Lord this morning that He ever let the light of God's eternal truth shine into my soul. I only want more of God in my heart. Let us never give place to the devil in the least. Please pray for us. We have a deep desire to do the whole will of God. Your sister in Christ. —PRUDA FLOYD.

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Chillicothe, Ohio.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Greetings in His dear name. We received the little paper this morning. I think it is the cleanest paper that I have got hold of. I have been reading the Gospel Trumpet for 23 years. They are getting so worldly there I have about lost faith in the paper. I believe in living what we profess. Please send the good paper on, we will send a little offering soon as possible. I am seventy-eight years old. I was saved when I was eleven years old. I realize that my race is almost run. Thank the dear Lord I am one of His children and I am prepared to go. I long to be with Jesus. I know it is better farther on. Amen.

—SISTER MARION HAGELY.

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Edinburg, Ind.—Dear people of God: Just a few lines to tell you how I have enjoyed the paper, Faith and Victory. At the first time receiving it the

articles were splendid and comforting to my soul. I am an out-going missionary to India and love the Lord's work everywhere. And I love the Lord for supplying all of my needs, especially for how He is sending in my needs for India. I haven't as yet received my fare, but I am believing God for it. He has it I am sure. I ask your agreement in prayer for me and the rest of my needs. I was in Kingswood College, Kingswood, Ky. when I first received the paper, and am now in pastoral work to fill in a place till the lady pastor returns. Her aunt is sick. My home address is Alexandria, Ind., R. F. D. 6.

Yours with prayer, —ORA ALLEN.

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CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

I am well acquainted with a man who died, and after he died (died to self) the Lord healed him and raised him up to live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, be led by the Spirit, sing with the Spirit and the understanding, and pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit for all saints. Before he died he lived by eating black draught and drinking castor oil. Now he lives by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Since he died, some days he has put in three hours, some four, some five, and some six hours on his knees reading the Bible and praying and the Lord only knows what would happen if four or five preachers would do that in a camp meeting. That man has read the Bible through eleven times on his knees, and reader, if you want to have the spirit of prayer live in touch with God and be ready to meet Jesus when He comes. Go thou and do likewise. Love to all from the least of all saints.

—ROSS B. PALMER.

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EFFECT OF RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST
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When one is fully emptied of self, when every false God is cast out of the heart, the vacancy is filled by the inflowing of the Spirit of Christ. Such a one has the faith that purifies the soul from defilement. He is conformed to the Spirit and he minds the things of the Spirit. He has no confidence in self. Christ is all and in all. He receives with meekness the truth that is constantly being unfolded and gives the Lord all the glory, saying, God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit. "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (1 Cor. 2: 10-12)

The Spirit that reveals also works in him the fruits of righteousness. Christ is in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life (John 4: 14). He is a branch of the true vine and bears rich clusters of fruit to the glory of God. What is the character of the fruit borne? The fruit of the Spirit is love,

not hatred; joy, not discontent and mourning; peace, not irritation, anxiety and manufactured trials; it is longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Gal. 5: 22-23).

Day after day is passing into eternity bringing us nearer to the close of probation. We need as never before, spiritual eyesight that we may see the designs of the enemy and as faithful watchmen proclaim the danger. We need power from above that we may understand as far as the human mind can, the great themes of Christianity and their far-reaching principles. Those who are under the influence of the Spirit of God will not be fanatical but calm and steadfast, free from extravagance in thought, word or deed. Amid the confusion of delusive doctrines the Spirit of God will be a guide and a shield to those who have not resisted the truth, and will silence every other voice but that which comes from Him who is the truth. We are now living in the last days when error of a most deceptive character is accepted and believed while truth is discarded. Many today are defiling the temple of the Holy Ghost. They refuse to give up the world and continue on in its course and to make use of words that are not in keeping with the Word. Now, the apostle Paul said by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost to cleanse ourselves from all these things (2 Cor. 7: 1)

We cannot use the Holy Spirit; the Spirit is to use us. Through the Spirit God works in His people to will and to do of His good pleasure. But many will not submit to be led; they want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly Gift. Only those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given. This promised blessing claimed by faith brings all other blessings in its train. It is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ and He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive. The Holy Spirit works with those who will be worked, moulds those who will be moulded, fashions those who will be fashioned. Give yourselves the culture of spiritual thoughts and clean habits of life for we have seen but the first rays of the early dawn of His glory. As we follow on to know the Lord you will know that the path of the righteous is as the light of dawn that shineth more and more unto the perfect day (Prov. 4: 18). —F. L. ELEFRITZ.

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The gospel is a gospel of great peace to those who fully embrace it, to those who humble down and let perfect love fill their souls, proving their love by obedience. For Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments" (John 14: 15).

 SALVATION PLUS WORKS

The result of faith in God is works, for faith without works is dead, being alone (James 2: 17). Although works are the fruits of faith, yet works do not save us, but in Eph. 2: 8 we find that, "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the *Gift of God*." According to this Scripture, all men are saved through Christ, but all men do not receive salvation because of unbelief. Belief or faith in what God has done for them will cause works to proceed forth from strength given from above. A soberness and a quietness will come into the soul and there will begin to be a diligent careful desire to please God who has manifested such great unmerited love toward polluted sinful men, and as the voice of God comes to one who has faith, godly deeds and works will follow. Hence, if we say that we have faith and do no works, this would be a dead faith and would be without profit. Generally the works that are given of God to redeemed men to do are contrary or opposite to the way the world would do, and thus it brings sneers and scoffs from those who are living for the present. So those who are being led by the Spirit are persecuted by those that love this present world, for the world will not persecute its own but will fondle and praise them, therefore Christ said, "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you."

Now, Abraham proved his faith in God when he obeyed the voice of God when God told him to offer up his son Isaac as a burnt offering, and because he had faith and confidence in God as knowing what was best, he immediately went about to do this thing. Though men would consider him foolish or crazy, yet he heeded only the voice of God and by his obedience and faith he became the father of us all. For it is written, "That they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham" (Gal. 3; 7). Now, Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. His belief caused him to obey the voice of God insomuch as to go about to slay his only son through whom God had promised to bless all nations, for he was fully persuaded that what God had promised. He was able also to perform. This kind of faith have the children of God today. They are the spiritual seed of Abraham and have become so through faith in Christ as the Savior of all men, the free Gift of God that was given as a ransom for all souls. For His blood being free from guilt can and does atone for our sins or transgressions against our righteous heavenly Father, as the faith we have in the

blood will lift all condemnation, and peace and comfort from heaven will fill our souls. And by faith the blood will act as a cleansing, purifying power, destroying the body of sin, the old man, the carnal mind, the planting of Satan, for Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3: 8), giving us holiness of heart unto God through faith in the free Gift of God, Christ Jesus our Lord. So we find that we are saved by grace or the unmerited favor of God, and we prove our faith or confidence in the Blood as atoning, reconciling grace, by steady, sober works or godly deeds prompted by the Spirit which is given unto us,—not as the world would do in order to gain honor and praise of man, but as God directs whether they praise or defame us, whether they honor or abuse, we move on in the fear of God doing kind, loving deeds from day to day and from year to year, for we have respect unto the recompence of reward and are taught and believe that our labor is not in vain in the Lord, and also not to become weary in well doing for we shall reap if we faint not. And thus the child of God moves on, not by feeling but by faith, confidence and trust in the living God who will reward every man according to the deeds done in the body, and at the end of this earthly career the Christian has left behind them a long string of godly deeds and by these deeds many are constrained to believe in Christ whom we love and serve. Yet the Christian is not careful that people know about their alms giving and other good works wrought through them by the Spirit that is given unto them, but meekly leave all with God, knowing that He will bring out our righteousness as the noon day, for we seek honor from the Father only.

James says to "show me thy faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works," and in the preceding verse says, "For what does it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?" And he goes on to illustrate it by telling of a brother or sister who is destitute of daily clothing and food, and one should say unto them, depart in peace; be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things that are needful to the body, what doth it profit? So in this we see the folly of those that say they have faith and live for self, doing nothing to help needy souls either temporally or spiritually. Now, to give out of our abundance is not showing as much faith as one giving out of seemingly needed things. In fact much of the giving out of abundance is honored of the world and falls short of being honored of God. Those who give out of what they expect to soon need show faith in God that He will supply all their needs.

and also they show that they believe the Word that is written, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deut. 33: 25). And they are not fearful to give, knowing that God rules over all, has all power, can give and withhold at His pleasure, and so by faith in the true God they give of their needs to others and are blessed with faithful Abraham. They lay up treasures in heaven and receive honor from God and so prove the Word of God to be true which reads, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom; for with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6: 38).

Oh, that people would prove their claimed faith in God: what an opportunity it would give God to show Himself strong in the earth. The gospel would truly run and be glorified and many, many souls would hear the unadulterated gospel that have never heard, and the devil would growl and howl and God would truly be dwelling with men, showing Himself as Lord of lords and King of kings. Jesus proved His faith in God the Father while in the garden, when humanity was drawing back from the sufferings of the crucifixion scene, but by faith in God and the assurance of the glory that would follow, He said, "Not my will but Thine be done," and strength and victory came because He yielded to the will of the Father. Oh, how true and faithful God is to those that show a real faith in Him. Truly the secrets of the Lord are with them that fear Him, and unto the faithful will He show His covenant. Zacchaeus proved his faith by works when he said, "Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him four-fold. And Jesus said unto him, this day is salvation come to this house, for as much as he also is a son of Abraham." He became a son of Abraham and a follower of Christ because he began to prove his faith by works, not that works saved him, but good works was the unavoidable outcome of his professed faith in Christ as the Son of God, and thus by works his faith was made perfect and continually acceptable with God.

The early Church showed great faith in God by works when they distributed their goods to every man according as he had need, and it is written of that time that they were of one heart and of one soul, and with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. When we see one doing this without seeking and receiving honor of the world, we can truly say, "They have an evidence of the Holy

Ghost." Brethren, those that are holding in their possessions, goods of this world, and do not give, but say by actions, "Let the good work go on," are dead while they live. For James says, "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" In the last verse of the second chapter of James we read, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." Read the whole of the second chapter of James and the Lord give the understanding.

In conclusion we wish to repeat that we are saved by grace through faith, and that good works and godly deeds are an evidence of Christ continuing to abide in the soul. While the world and corruptible flesh imitate, in many ways, Christ in our souls, yet they do it for present honor or reward, while the child of God does these things because of the love of God in the soul, and will continue on whether applauded or ridiculed, for their reward is in the next world and they covet the approval of God more than the approval of men. Thus they do many things that seem foolish and without profit to the worldly minded. Those who pile up and heap together the wealth of this world and are not rich in good works and deeds are only feeding the old man and causing him to flourish in their soul, the very thing that Christ suffered, bled and died on the cross to destroy, and they shall reap what they are sowing. By this kind of a life they are trampling under foot the blameless blood of Christ and are saying from the heart with actions, "We will not have this man rule over us." O, what will they do in the reckoning day when every man will be judged according to the deeds done in the body? Oh, vain man, flee these things and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness, that iniquity may not be your ruin.

—FRED PRUITT.

AN EXHORTATION

We find in Isaiah 1: 18-20; "Come now, and let us reason together saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." There will have to be some reasoning together before there can be a unity of God's people. Psalm 51: 7 says, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." When the people will cry day and night to God for the cleansing that will make them whiter than

the snow, there will be joy, and the fulness of joy. How plain it is in these last days, brethren, that "Ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit nor by word nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition" (2 Thess. 2: 3-4). So we have seen that day of prophecy fulfilled. So many people have backslidden from God and will not acknowledge it before the Lord and ask Him to forgive them. "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7: 14). "Go and proclaim these words toward the north and say, Return thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord, and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you, for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever" (Jer. 3: 12). "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14: 12).

Jesus said He was the way, the truth and the life. Let us also see the words in 2 Peter 2: 1-2: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." We can see this very plain. The Word says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds." Brethren, if we have conformed to this world our ways are the ways of death. If any man build again the things he once destroyed he makes himself a transgressor. We are warned also to "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of Father is not in him" (1 John 2: 15). And this way is the way of death. "Thou shalt not steal," and if we steal, that way is the way of death. "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and if any man commits adultery his way is the way of death; and many other things that I see have been committed. In the eyes of God all these things are the ways of death.

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received and wherein ye stand" (1 Cor. 15: 1). "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness,

and what concord hath Christ with Belial, or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel, and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord almighty" (2 Cor. 6: 14-18). Brethren, God wants His people to come out from such people as the Word declares they are, where He can be a Father unto us. You can see there is something wrong: God is not working in His power as He once worked. Preach the pure gospel at any price and at any cost, then it will please God and the people will be blessed with all good things. Amen.

—J. S. STANLEY.

WAITING UPON THE LORD

In the Word of God it was prophesied, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given *and the government shall be upon His shoulder*: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9: 6). Now since Jesus has brought wonderful rest and peace to our tempest-tossed and troubled souls and the government rests upon His shoulders, should we not always be in counsel with Him, and our souls be in waiting before Him that all our way and steps be ordered by Him? David said, "I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His Word do I hope" (Psa. 130: 5). Why the need of waiting upon the Lord since we have His Word? But the spirit of rush and hurry is rife today, and would try to crowd its way into the hearts and lives of God's people to ensnare and entrap them. "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that *believeth* shall not make haste" (Isa. 28: 16). Oh the importance of waiting upon the Lord, and such precious seasons to the child of God. It is like good nourishing food to the body, and this is a precious grace that God's children need to cultivate and attend to more, for it multiplies and increases the fruit of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit or Comforter is as a governor to us. I heard a brother speaking about the governor of a threshing machine engine being taken off, then they started to threshing again without replacing it,

and the engine and machinery was running so fast that most of the wheat was blown out with the chaff. Now I got a good lesson to my soul from that. A soul without the governing power of the Spirit of God continually abiding within are so apt to make ship wreck, the race may seem to be run well for a time, but unless a soul spends much time in counsel and waiting with the Lord, it gives the devil a chance to get in some of his hasty counsel and work, and thus hinder souls in obeying the simple truths of God's Word. Too, when we are in seasons of trial, test or temptation, is a time to wait much upon the Lord, that however hot the furnace or severe the test, the fruit of patience may have its perfect course and work in our soul, that we may have the victory and count it all joy. Therefore we are exhorted: "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1: 19). How many souls have been crushed and bruised and no doubt turned away from God's holy way and truth because this grace was lacking. It surely seems that God's desire and purpose for His saints would be in a greater measure fulfilled if this was obeyed more, for He speaks of giving apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4: 12-13).

Though God has His people in waiting before and upon Him, yet there is a time of doing and acting. But He lets this be known, and when God moves and works it is time for us to move and work. When Elisha's head was in danger of being cut off when the siege and famine was in Samaria, it is said, "But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him" (2 Kings 7: 32). But when the king sent a messenger God gave Elisha the understanding of the evil of the matter, so he said, "Behold, this evil is of the Lord; what should I wait for the Lord any longer?" (verse 33). And we see how that as he moved at God's command the enemy was defeated and the people had food and plenty. Praise the Lord that He is the same today to those who wait upon Him and move at His orders. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way" (Psa. 37: 23). Now may the God of all grace and comfort encourage each soul to wait upon Him, for He shall renew your strength and your soul will mount up with wings as the eagle above every storm of tribulation that comes upon your life. And now let us "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and

He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psa. 27: 14). —ROBERT LONGLEY.

THE HEAVENLY MANSION

John 14: 2.

Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also" (John 14: 2-4). "Whose house are we" (Heb. 3: 6). "That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3: 15). We see then that God's house is His people, as He has said, "I will dwell in them and walk in them and I will be their God and they shall be my people" (2 Cor. 6: 13). If His people are His house then they are the many mansions Jesus spoke of. Praise the Lord.

Paul says, "For we know that if our earthly house (mansion) of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house (mansion) not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house (mansion) which is from heaven; if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle (mansion) do groan, being burdened, not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now He that wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that whilst we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord; (For we walk by faith, not by sight;) we are confident I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. Wherefore we labor, that whether present or absent we may be accepted of Him" (2 Cor. 5: 1-10).

Read 1 Cor. 15: 35-58, and note in verse 40 there are celestial bodies and bodies terrestrial (earthly). The glory of the celestial (heavenly) is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. One star differeth from another in glory. We only get an earnest of our inheritance here in blessings and joy, but if we are true we will get the fulness over there. Praise God! In 2 Cor. 4: 7 we read that we have this treasure in earthen vessels (mansions). In Acts 7: 48 Stephen quotes Solomon saying, "The most high dwelleth not in temples made with hands as saith the prophet. Heaven is my throne, earth is my footstool,

where is the house that ye build me saith the Lord?" By faith He now dwells in our hearts (His workmanship). Praise His name.

In Heb. 9: 11-24 we find Christ has come an high priest by a greater and more perfect tabernacle (in whom all fulness dwells). He has entered in once to the holy place (heaven), by His blood having obtained eternal redemption for us. Praise His name! In Rom. 8: 23 we read that we groan for the adoption, that is, the redemption of our body, and also in Phil. 3: 21 that Jesus will change our vile body (mansion) and fashion it after His own glorious body. Our soul is adopted while here but the outward man is not changed till Jesus comes.

In 2 Peter 1: 13 Peter thinks it meet while in this tabernacle (mansion) to stir us up, knowing he must shortly put off this tabernacle as Jesus showed him. When Jesus spoke of His Father's house of many mansions He spoke as when He told the Jews to destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up, that the blind might not see today. In 1 Cor. 15: 51-55 we read that "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump" we shall be changed (our body) when this corruptible has put on incorruption and death is swallowed up in victory. In 1 Thess. 4: 16-18 Paul says, "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

In Matt. 22: 30 Jesus says that "in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. Also Luke 20: 35. Shall we be accounted worthy? Our mansion will be a spiritual body like Christ's. "We know we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3: 2). Shall we see Him in His beauty? He is not willing that any should perish.

—W. C.

YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN WHY?

Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God (John 3: 3).

ONLY BORNED AGAIN ONES ARE CHILDREN OF GOD.

They which are the children of the flesh are not the children of God. (Rom. 9 :8). So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (Rom 8:8. ONLY CHILDREN OF GOD ARE SAVED.

For ye are all children of God by faith in Christ

Jesus. (Gal. 3 : 26.)

As many as receive Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God. (John 1: 12).

NO GOOD IN MAN

God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Gen. 6 : 5).

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. (Jer. 17 :9).

OUR BEST IS ONLY EVIL.

All our righteousness is as filthy rags. (Isa. 64 :6).

That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. (Luke 16 : 15).

CHRIST TOOK OUR PLACE.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isa. 53 : 6).

HE SUFFERED FOR US.

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed. (Isa. 53 : 5).

ONLY ONE WAY TO BE BORN AGAIN.

Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me. (John 14: 6). Not of blood nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1: 13).

ONLY ONE REAL LIFE.

He that hath the Son hath life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (1 John 5: 12).

ETERNAL LIFE, A GIFT.

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 3: 23).

By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast. (Eph. 2 : 8, 9).

NO NEW LIFE BY WORKS.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy He saved us. (Titus 3: 5).

NO NEW LIFE BY LAW KEEPING

For if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. (Gal. 3 : 21).

For if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. (Gal. 2 : 21).

YOUR PART.

As many as received Him (the Lord Jesus Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God. (John 1 : 12). Being borned again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God. 1 Pet.

FAITH TO RECEIVE CHRIST.

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. (Rom. 10: 17).

JESUS SAID: HE THAT HEARETH MY WORD AND BELIEVETH ON HIM THAT SENT ME HATH EVERLASTING LIFE. Jno. 5: 24).

—Sel.